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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, from line 3 through line 12, with the following paragraph:

Generally, the spring implant devices may be considered to have a body having proximal and distal portions. In the present application, proximal is understood to mean the direction leading external to the patient and distal is understood to mean any direction leading internally to the patient. The implant devices discussed herein are delivered into the tissue in a distal direction so that the body is implanted within the tissue and the proximal end of the device is approximately flush with the tissue surface or slightly submerged under the surface. The configuration of the barbs resists to resist migration of the device proximally back out of the tissue. Additionally, the barbs may serve to resist rotational movement of the device so that it does not "unscrew" out of the tissue.